

the meeting with Oberstar and his staff member, Waylon Peterson, at 3:00 p.m. on May 2 in Oberstar's office.

In a memo prepared the day before the meeting, Peterson wrote that the "3 o'clock with Interior officials is **extremely** important"³⁴⁷ (emphasis in original). He listed two issues for discussion: local tax implications of fee-to-trust acquisitions by Indians, and the "Hudson gaming casino transfer." The section of Peterson's memo dealing with the Hudson matter largely repeated his memorandum to Oberstar on the issue prior to the Feb. 8 meeting. The May 1 memo, however, also stated that "[i]n your meeting with Duffy in February, you made the following points," and then listed several substantive points, as well as a final point that Oberstar is said to have made to Duffy in February: "The Wisconsin supporters . . . are Republicans; why should the Clinton Administration help them?"

At the meeting itself, Oberstar pushed the Interior officials to deny the application, stressing what he called the "over-saturation"³⁴⁸ of Indian casinos. Oberstar told investigators that he would not have made the point about the politics of the situation described in the Peterson memo, because it would not have been an argument on which Collier and Duffy could base a denial, which is what he wanted them to do. Peterson believed he, Peterson, probably did make the points set out in his May 1 memo.³⁴⁹

³⁴⁷Memorandum from Waylon Peterson to Rep. Oberstar, May 1, 1995.

³⁴⁸OIC Oberstar Int. at 5.

³⁴⁹Alana Christensen, a staff member for Rep. Minge, later discussed the May 2 meeting with Peterson. In a May 4 memorandum to Minge regarding "Hudson Dog Track," she described the meeting:

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